



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, One Idaho resident in two hundred is estimated to carry the double genes that cause an accumulation of excessive iron stores, resulting in the disease of the liver, heart, pancreas and joints with ultimate fatality if untreated; and

WHEREAS, Our state's carrier rate of the single gene expression for the hemochromatosis gene is estimated to be twenty six in two hundred; and

WHEREAS, Many doctors and their patients are not aware of this high incidence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 21 through 27, 2003 to be

IRON OVERLOAD DISEASES AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho, and urge all citizens to participate in protecting their health by informing themselves of this common but under diagnosed condition



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twelfth day September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Toura in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN TOURA
SECRETARY OF STATE